

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Narayanan et al.                      Art Unit: 1745  
Serial No. : 10/722,352                              Examiner: Angela Martin  
Filed : November 24, 2003  
Title : WATER FREE PROTON CONDUCTING MEMBRANES BASED ON  
POLY-4-VINYLPYRIDINEBISULFATE FOR FUEL CELLS

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Notice of Allowance Date: June 12, 2007

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE

In response to the Notice of Allowance mailed June 12, 2007, enclosed is a completed issue fee transmittal form PTOL-85b.

COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Applicant agrees with the Examiner's amendment canceling the non-elected claims 15-22 in the instant application.

It is agreed that the limitations recited in the examiner's Reasons for Allowance are not taught or suggested by the art of record, and that the allowed independent claims 2, 4, 5, 6, and 11 are distinguished from the cited prior art for at least the reasons stated in the Reasons for Allowance. Applicant does not concede that the stated reasons are the only grounds for patentability of the allowed claims, that the limitations

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excluded from the Reasons for Allowance are taught or suggested by the art of record, or that all of the limitations are necessary for patentability of the allowed claims or other claims directed to the disclosed subject matter. For example, other claims including different limitations are patentable over the cited prior art.

Please apply the required fees in the amount of \$1,000 to our Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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